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3B6, AGALEGA (POSTPONED). If you are not an OPDX InterNet Subscriber, you may have missed the special bulletin announcing that the **3B6RF** operation was postponed (Click on the links below to SUBSCRIBE). Basically, officials of the newly elected Mauritius Government have asked the team to postpone the expedition for 2-3 weeks for security reasons. Since there are only two regular ships per year heading to 3B6 they have to postpone their activity for six months until May 2001. For more details and updates, check their Web page at: <http://www.agalega2000.ch>

3W/DU/XU, SOUTHEAST ASIAN TRIP. Andy, G4ZVJ, will be on vacation in South East Asia between **October 13th and November 11th**. There may be some CW activity from the following countries:

- **3W (Vietnam) - October 15-22nd**, callsign assigned upon arrival.
- **XU (Cambodia) - October 23-26th**, callsign **XU7AAV**
- **DU (Philippines) - October 29th- November 10th**, callsign **DU3/G4ZVJ**

QSL via G4ZVJ: Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 1UA England, U.K. His Web page is at: <http://www.qsl.net/g4zvj/>

4W, EAST TIMOR. Dennis/K7BV, Made/YB9BV and Dick/N6FF are now active. As of publication, the only station spotted so far is **4W/K7BV** on 40/30/20/17 meters CW. Two stations are expected to be active. Keep a lookout for **4W/N6FF**. According to one of the press releases, a big decision was made that 4W/N6FF will be the callsign used on 160 and 80 meters. The **4W/K7BV** callsign will be used on all other bands. QSL via KU9C. Also, check their Web site at: <http://www.qth.com/k7bv/timor/>

5R, MADAGASCAR (SLIM NOT!). A few weeks ago OPDX received a report on a possible SLIM operation by **5R8O**. This station continues to be active on 20 meter CW signing with the callsign 5R8O, giving his name as Albert and his QTH as **Tananarive**, Madagascar. He also is

saying QSL via 5R8FL. However, thanks to Ed, NA5G, who has been in contact with 5R8FL the following status report was given on 5R8O. Andreas, 5R8FL, states that the station "is legal, his callsign is a bit special because he operates inside the Gendarmerie county. So to simplify the QSL reception, he ask me to be his QSL manager." WFWL!

IRANIAN WEB PAGE. Mac, W3HC, reports that for those who are interested, he has a Web page for Iran up and running. Any news he receives from Iran will be posted on:
<http://www.ep3sp.homestead.com/index.html>

8R, GUYANA. "THE 59(9) DX REPORT" reports that Arliss, W7XU, will be active from here (after the FY operation, see below) **October 30th through November 7th** as **8R/W7XU**. Activity will be on 50.110 MHz CW and SSB, coordinating on 28885 kHz. QSL via W7XU.

9G. GHANA. A group from the Netherlands will be active from here **October 6-24th**. They plan to use the callsign **9G1AA** plus their own 9G5 callsigns. Activity will be on 80/40/20 meters CW and 6 meter SSB. Also, there may be some activity on 160 meters.

9M STATIONS ON 6 METERS. Tex, 9M2TO, reports that this season 9M2 6 meter stations (9M2NK, 9M2KE, 9M2KT, 9M2TO, 9M2XA and 9M2/JI1ETU) are looking for EUs, NAs and SAs on 6 meters. They know that they have a "SHORT-PASS-OPENINGS-EUs" at 0700z (+/-) in November, but they do not know the other passes for the areas. Please watch for the 9M2TO/B beacon on 50.005 MHz running 24 hours and inform them. The 9M2 station check the DX-SUMMIT cluster for QSNs. You can also send E-mail to Tex at: izumo@pc.jaring.my

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. The Cinco Nueve Contest Group will be active from the Hillview Gardens Resort from **October 21st through November 2nd**. The operators include A1/K7AR, Lee/N7NU, Bob/W7YAQ, Bob/W7RR and Dave/N6NZ. The group will be a Multi-Single operation using the callsign **9M6AAC** during the **CQWW SSB Contest**. Outside the contest the group will be using their own callsigns, still waiting to be issued. Check the group web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/k7ar/> Web site will have photos and log searches during the expedition.

A5, BHUTAN (Update). Charly, K4VUD, reported this past week that he has applied for the callsign **A52UD** for his operation in **December**. He also states the following: "As of today (October 4th), two hams are slated to arrive in A5 on December 1, 2000. The 1KW xmit power is ok-ed (with an extra fee!!!). If we can get a third ham on this trip, all three of us will save some money on Bhutan's tourist fees for groups of 3 or more. Come on, just need one more daring adventurer for this trip!" Charly's E-mail address is: k4vud@hotmail.com

E30, ERITREA. Chris/DL5NAM and Dieter/DF4RD are going to be active and have confirmed the date of **October 17th through November 1st**. Callsigns are still unknown and will be issued after their arrival in **Asmara**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 including participation in the **CQWW DX SSB Contest**. They will operate from the Nyala Hotel (QTH of E30GA). QSL via home callsigns. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the press release as an additional bulletin.

FS, ST. MARTIN. A report indicates that members of the NJDXA will be active from here soon or possibly during the **CQWW DX Contest**. Operators mentioned are K2CO, N2BIM and possibly others.

FY, FRENCH GUYANA. "THE 59(9) DX REPORT" reports that Arliss, W7XU, will be active as **FY/W7XU October 27-30th** on the same plan as 8R (above).

GD, ISLE OF MAN. Joe/K1JB and Mike/K1EU are expected to sign **GD6IA** from **October 26-29th**. Activity will include an entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest** with operations on 160-6 meters CW/SSB.

GJ, JERSEY (Update to OPDX.473). Barry, N0KV (M0CQS), provides OPDX with the following update concerning the upcoming operation from the Jersey Amateur Radio Society club station, **October 23-30th**. The group of operators is finalized now and includes members of the Mile High DX Association (Denver, CO) and the Darley Amateur Radio Club (UK). The callsigns are:

GJ1Y	(CQWW contest only)	GJOHHY	(outside contest)
MJ/N0KV	(outside contest)	MJ/KU4CG	(outside contest)
MJ/W0DM	(outside contest)		

The group of operators will be active from LaMoye, Jersey, Channel Islands, UK (Zone 14), as a Multi/Single entry in the **CQWW SSB Contest**. Operation outside the contest will be CW, SSB, and possibly PSK31, starting Monday, October 23rd, and ending after the contest. Activity will take place largely day/evening hours (local) before the contest. The station is located in "Worked All Britain" square WV64, and Jersey is IOTA EU-013. There will be two stations:

- **Station 1:** IC-756PRO, Alpha amp (400W), A3 tri-bander, R7000(WARC), bandpass filter
- **Station 2:** IC-756, club tri-bander, 40/80M dipoles, bandpass filter

QSL via N0KV (CBA: 12200 Boothill Dr., Parker, CO 80138), except MJ/KU4CG goes via KU4CG CBA.

HC, ECUADOR. Once again Doctor Rick, NE8Z, will be operating as **HC1MD** from here, **November 25th through December 11th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB (500 watts) and 6 meters (10 watts). He will travel to different areas in Ecuador and will sign: **HC1MD, HC1MD/HC2, HC3, HC6** and **HC7**. Rick will also be looking for the following new DXCC entities for his HC1MD DXCC: East Timor, Austral Islands and Laos (any assistance/ideas will be appreciated, send E-mail to: ne8z@yahoo.com). QSL via K8LJG: John Kroll, 3528 Craig Drive, Flint, MI 48506 USA. Also, please view the HC-DX AWARDS at: <http://www.octavia.com/qs/awards.htm>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-018.** The Pantelleria Contest Team, **IH9P**, will once again travel to **Pantelleria Island** (CQWW zone 33, African Italy, IIA:TP-01) for this year's **CQWW SSB contest** at the end of October. The Pantelleria's Team's goal will be to be more competitive than in 1999's effort, with the addition of a few new operators, new antenna systems and a new site located just few meters far from salt water. The team will be arriving on the island on October 22nd and should be testing the station installations by Thursday. This year's team members include KR7X, W1NA, W7ZB, OL5Y, I2IFT, IK2ANI, IK2CIO, IK2HKT, IK2RZP, IK2YCN, IN3QBR, I8QLS, IK8ETA, IT9BLB, IT9VDQ, IT9WPO,

IT9ZGY and IT9ZMX. This year's operation looks again to be an all FT-1000 MP effort with assorted amplifiers. Team Pantelleria (IH9P) looks forward to being your zone 33 multiplier for the contest and working all of you in the contest. QSL via KR7X (CBA). Their Web site is at: <http://www.qsl.net/ih9p2k/>

- **OC-140.** The VK6 DX Chasers Club will be active from **Direction Island November 5-13th**. Direction Island is part of the Mackerel Islands of which Thevenard Island has been activated previously by Mal, VK6LC. The Island is located 12 Km offshore from the small West Australian town of Onslow in the state's North West and some 1400 Km by road from the capital city, Perth. A group of 10 operators will activate the island with 4 HF stations. Six meter operations will also be included. This is the same group that activated Woody Island (OC-170) in March 1999. The callsign to be used will be **VK6DIR** and operation will be on 40-6 meters, including the WARC bands. 75/80 meter operations will be attempted but hopes are not high for any great success on that band due to the latitude and time of year. QSL via Neil, VK6NE. Inquiries will also be handled by Neil at: vk6ne@upnaway.com For a look at the Mackerel Islands, go to the Web page: <http://www.mackerelislands.com.au> News of the expedition will also be posted from time to time at the VK6ANC Web site at: <http://www.ncrg.org.au>
- **OC-212.** Look for **Broughton Island** to be on the air now **through October 15th**. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters, CW, SSB, PSK31 and 29 MHz FM if band is open. The callsign is **VI2BI**, and the operators are:
 - SSB - VK2EO, VK2NP, VK2PB and VK2JV
 - CW - Frank/VK2ZL, Ray/VK2ARY and Don/VK2ADM

QSL via VK2EO or via Bureau.

J8, ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES (Update). Angel, WA2VUY, informs OPDX that their team of operators have received the special callsign **J80WW** (J8 Zero WW) to be used during the **CQWW SSB Contest**. Please refer to [OPDX.478](#) for other details.

KH2, GUAM ISLAND. Look for Masanori/AA9WZ, JA1OBY, Hiroshi/JA1XHE, JH1FUD, Hiroshi/JL1LOW and JR1XIM to be active on IOTA **OC-026** from **October 26-30th**. They will be active on HF bands including WARC bands SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via the bureau to each home callsign or direct to each Callbook address. QSL AA9WZ/KH2 via JA1OZK.

KH5/KH5K, PALMYRA & KINGMAN REEF. By the time you read this, the KRDPDXG team should be on their way to Palmyra. The Hawaii operators KH7U, NH6UY, WB4JTT and KH6ND, along with Captain Bill Austin and his crew on the motor schooner Machias, should have departed from Christmas Island this past weekend to pick up Mike, KH6ND, from Palmyra to head to Kingman Reef. Activity is to begin on **October 18th**. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1826.5, 3503, 7003, 10103, 14023, 18073, 21023, 24893, 28023, 50105
- **SSB** - 1826.5, 3795, 7065, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28465, 50105
- **RTTY** - 7043, 14083, 28083 kHz

Other suggested frequencies: U.S. General operators are to look on 20 meters SSB on 14245 kHz and on 40 meters CW on 7023 kHz. JA stations are to look for them on an alternate 160 meters frequency on 1824 kHz. Look on 6 meters for a breakable beacon (TX 50105/RX

50115) and also listen to 28885 kHz.

OD, LEBANON. Pavel, **OD5/OK1MU**, has confirmed that he is now active also on 50 MHz and 144 MHz. He is using the following equipment: for 50 MHz 100W + 5 el. Yagi; for 144 MHz 100W + 10 el. DL6WU. His on-line log is available at both: <http://www.qsl.net/ok1mu/> and <http://www.okdxf.cz> QSL cards are still via OK DX Foundation, P.O.Box 73, Bradlec, 29306 Czech Republic.

OH0, ALAND ISLAND. Ari, OH1EH, informs OPDX that after several antenna parties, the Aland Islands contest station is ready to hit the airwaves with several new antennas, including a 3 element full-sized 80m delta-loop. For more info on the new antenna system, check out the Web page: <http://www.qsl.net/oh0z/>. **OH0Z** will be active in the **CQ WW DX Contests**, 160-10 meters, operated by OH1EH (SSB) and OH1JT (CW). QSL via OH1EH: Ari Korhonen, Kreetalank. 9, FIN29200 Harjavalta, Finland.

OOOPPPSS DEPARTMENT. In last week's bulletin, [OPDX.479](#), under "9X, RWANDA" Charlie's callsign should have been **N4CT** not N4XT. Also, under "KH0, MARIANA ISLAND", the callsign "KH2F" was inserted instead of **NH0S** for one of the operators.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Tex, **9M2TO**, reports that all the September QSOs QSLs including the WAE and RTTY contests have been sent out to the JARL Bureau on October 2nd.
- New Address. Beginning October 1, 2000, the QSL Manager for **3W7CW** has a new address. ONLY QSL to Adam, SP5JTF, new address as follows: Adam Perz, P.O.Box 12, 01-323 Warszawa 83, POLAND. The previous SP5AUC address (P.O.BOX 11 Warszawa 93) is open only until the end of the year. That post office has been relocated quite a distance away from SP5JTF, and it has been quite complicated to check POB there regularly. Additionally, a lot of IRCs and green stamps have been stolen from SASEs in that place. Also, SP5JTF has an E-mail address, so you can ask him directly for QSLs: sp5jtf@radio.org.pl The 3W7CW QSLs should be back from the printer probably early November and all request should be answered by the end of this year.
- Roberto, EA4DX, is glad to announce that **8Q7XX** cards will be hitting your mailboxes this week. All cards received with postage up to September 30th, have been answered. More than 1200 envelopes received in the last two weeks have been carefully processed since his return from the Maldives. Some of you will have a turnaround of less than one week for your QSL. Cards received from now on will be answered on a weekly basis. Roberto states, "Thank you all and especially NCDXF for their continuous support." Logs, guestbook and QSL info available at: <http://www.qsl.net/ea4dx/>
- **7Q7TB and VP2MDC QSLs.** Send DIRECT cards to G0IAS. However, Dave, G3TBK, is handling the bureau QSLs. Dave is sorry about the length of time taken to answer the cards, but his work schedule is large and his time in the UK is very limited, so PLEASE BE PATIENT... A couple of weeks should see ALL direct cards answered. Bureau cards should be complete by the month's end. Dave will be back in J3-land at the end of the month and perhaps G0IAS will handle the cards (more about that when the picture unfolds....).
- **BI2J QSL Update.** Mac, W3HC, reports that all photos and information for the BI2J cards have been received from Alan, BA1DU. Mac will send them to the printers this week.

- Norby, LX1NO, reports that QSL requests for **OZ1AA** should be answered soon. He hopes to receive the cards from the printer by the end of this month. Your requests will then be answered as soon as possible.

R2, KALININGRAD (Attention Award and Prefix Hunters). Ben, OZ5AAH, will again be active from late afternoon **October 30th through November 5th** around midnight from the club station in Kaliningrad as **R2/OZ5IPA**. Activity will be on CW/SSB and also on the WARC band, but no 6 meter operations. Ben will, of course, participate in the **International Police Associations Contest November 4-5th**. QSL direct via his home callsign only: Ben Jakobsen, 9 Knoldager, DK-2670 Greve, Denmark (will be OK for most POLICE awards). Contest info can be found on both: <http://www.ipa-rc.de> or <http://www.iparc.com>

SV9, CRETE. Roby, IZ3CYN, will be active as **SV9/IZ3CYN** from **October 10-15th**. Activity will be on 20/15/10 meters SSB. QSL via homecall.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. "The DX News Letter" reports that Monk Apollo hits the airwaves with the special callsign **SY2A** now **through the end of the year**. QSL via the CBA of SV2ASP. OPDX spotted Monk Apollo on RTTY this past week on 14086 kHz around 2045z.

TI, COSTA RICA. Look for a group of stateside operators to be active from **Quepos** as **K4QFF/TI8, October 7-14th**. Activity will be on the satellites UO-14, AO-27, SO-35 and RS-13. QSL via K4QFF.

VB2, CANADA (Additional info to OPDX.479). Bob, VE3SRE, provides OPDX with the following additional info on the upcoming **VB2R operation**. A team of VE operators will be active from Zone 2 during the **CQ World-Wide SSB Contest** and a few days before and after the contest. The operation will be totally conducted under generator power from the James Bay Region in northwest Quebec. Operators at this point are: VE3BY, VE3DXE, VE3SRE, VE3VFT, VA3KO, VA3MFE, VE3VAM, VE3TV, VE3RMF, VE3DBF, VA3IX, NB1B, VE3KJS, and VE3HAE. There is a special QSL card available commemorating the **100th anniversary of the birth of E.S. (Ted) Rogers**, pioneer Canadian amateur, inventor of the "batteryless radio" and Canadian broadcasting pioneer. QSL via VE3BY. A Web site is available at: <http://www.fortunecity.com/marina/westindia/597/zone2/>

VC5, CANADA (Update). Todd, VE5MX, informed OPDX that the special callsign **VC5C** assigned to him to be used between **October 27-30th**, is to commemorate the **125th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada**. Also, look for VC5C in the **CQWW SSB Contest** as a Multi/Single entry. Sam, VE5SF, will be handling the QSLing chores.

XF2, MEXICO (Attention Prefix Hunters!). Jose Levy, XE1J, informs OPDX that he will activate the prefix **XF2** on the air for the first time. Look for the callsign **XF2UQZ** to be active from the **Isla de Sacrificios** (Veracruz, Mexico) from 2300z **October 11th** through 0300z **October 13th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL to XE1UQZ.

XU, CAMBODIA. You have only a few more days to work Toni/EA5RM and Pedro/EA7DBO as **XU7ABD**. They will leave **October 13th**. Activity over the weekend has been on 20/15/12/10 meters. QSL via EA4URE. The XU7ABD logs are available via Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/xu7abd/>

XW, LAOS. It has been reported that Toni, Z21KD, managed to get a license, apparently valid **until October 30th**. The assigned callsign is **XW4XJ**. He is expected to be active mainly on 20 and 10 meters SSB (w/100 watts) presently. However, Toni will try other higher bands when he gets time to set up more antennas. Keep in mind that he is not in Laos for a holiday, so his operating schedule may vary. He was spotted on 10 meters over the past weekend on 28460 kHz around 1345z. QSL via Z21KD, direct only: Toni Latz, P.O.Box 2081, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

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